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Good day,

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Please note that the following individuals are **exempted from submitting a PAL/TAL**:

- * You're applying to study at a
  - * preschool
  - * primary school (including kindergarten)
  - * secondary school (up to grade 12)
  - * school participating in the Francophone Minority Communities Student Pilot (FMCSP) **and** you have a letter of acceptance from this school identifying you as an applicant under the FMCSP
  - * federally designated military college **or**
  - * school in Quebec in a vocational training program that leads to one of the following:
    - * a diploma of vocational studies (DVS)
    - * an attestation of vocational specialization (AVS)
    - * a skills training certificate (STC)
- * You're an exchange student studying under an exchange arrangement between your home institution and a designated learning institution (DLI) in Canada, and you don't pay tuition fees to the DLI.
- * You've received a scholarship from Global Affairs Canada.
- * You're in Canada or entering Canada at a port of entry and are eligible for an exemption from certain study permit requirements based on a public policy as part of a migration response to a crisis or other pressure.
- * You're exempt from certain study permit requirements under the temporary measures to reunite families of Indigenous people separated by Canada's border.
- * **You've entered Canada and one of the following situations applies to you:**
  - * **You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI and level of study as your current study permit.**
  - * You're under a removal order, but can't be removed from Canada at this time.
  - * You have a temporary resident permit valid for at least 6 months.
  - * You're a protected person.
  - * You're eligible for permanent residence
    - * based on humanitarian and compassionate grounds , **or**
    - * based on a current public policy, **or**
    - * as a spouse or common-law partner (through the spouse or common-law partner in Canada class)

Therefore, a student extending their study permit to complete their program at the same DLI would *not* require a new PAL/TAL.

Please note that, if the study permit holder applies to extend their study permit before it expires, they can continue to study under the same conditions as their current study permit until IRCC makes a decision on their application. This only applies as long as they stay in Canada.

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Hello,

What happens if a student in the middle of their study program needs to apply for a study permit extension but they are not able to secure a PAL? Do they have to drop out in the middle of the program? Or will there be exemptions to allow students to complete their program?

The scenario where this question comes up:

A student has a valid study permit until December 2026, but they know that they will need a study permit extension to complete their study program. What is the correct course of action:

1. Use a PAL under the 2025 cap year to apply for the extension now even if it is more than 12 months before the expiry of their current study permit?

2. Wait and use a PAL under the 2026 cap year to apply for the extension? In this scenario, what if they are not able to secure a PAL? This is the scenario for the question.

Thanks,